

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Civil Rights Enforcement Section

Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, and San Diego



The Civil Rights Enforcement Section of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has volunteer extern opportunities available for undergraduates, law students and volunteer attorneys in its Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, and San Diego Offices. The Section invites interested and motivated candidates to apply.

The Civil Rights Enforcement Section enforces civil rights laws on behalf of the Attorney General in his independent capacity, as well as on behalf of client agencies. The Section's work includes combating discrimination in public accommodations, housing, and employment, and enforcing civil rights laws in the areas of hate crimes, sexual assault, police practices, human trafficking, immigrant rights, education, environmental justice, and the protection of Native American sacred and cultural sites. The Section includes the Bureau of Children's Justice and the Constitutional Policing Unit.

The Section's work typically includes researching complex legal issues, analyzing electronic data and other evidence, litigating at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts, drafting settlements and stipulated judgments, working with local and federal law enforcement agencies, and engaging in outreach on civil rights issues.

Student externs will have an opportunity to work on Section matters from different Bureaus and Units. Externs will assist deputies by reviewing and assessing evidence in investigations and related projects and preparing written memoranda on a broad range of complex legal issues. Externs may also assist with witness interviews and may attend court hearings.

How to Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample, preferably via email as indicated below. If you are applying for more than one office, please indicate so on your cover letter.

For Los Angeles:	For San Diego:	For Oakland:	For Sacramento:	For San Francisco:
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